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- The WO 95/24665, EP 5947803 and EP 690318 references were cited in the International Search Report submitted July 29, 2005 as well as cited in the English translation of the Japanese Office Action mailed June 12, 2007 (copy attached herewith). Copies of the references cited therein are submitted herewith for the Examiner's consideration in this US National Phase Application. U.S. Patent 5,638,476 corresponds to the WO 95/24665 reference.

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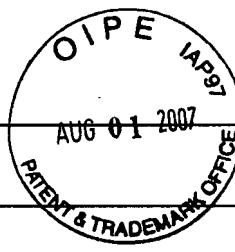
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